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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATION OF IRON-ORE
EXPORTING NATIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO STOCKHOLM MORNING NEWSPAPER SVENSKA DAGBLADET
JANUARY 20, STIG BRATTSTROM, MFA COUNSELOR, HAS EXPRESSED
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SATISFACTION THAT DRAFT AGREEMENT REACHED IN NEW DELHI THIS

MONTH ENVISAGES SECRETARIAT OF PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF IRON-ORE EXPORTING COUNTRIES AS CHARGED WITH TASK OF PUTTING TOGETHER STATISTICS AND COMPARING EXPERIENCES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. "THIS AIM AGREES WELL WITH SWEDISH POINT OF DEPARTURE", PAPER QUOTED BRATTSTROM AS SAYING.

2. IN ABSENCE OF BRATTSTROM, HEAD OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO NEW DELHI, WHO HAS BEEN ON SICK LEAVE SINCE HIS RETURN, ECONOFF CHECKED STORY WITH TORSTEN WESTLUND, COMMODITY SPECIALIST IN TRADE MINISTRY AND MEMBER OF SWEDISH DELEGATION. WESTLUND MAINTAINED THAT HEART OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, EXPRESSED AS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE, IS "TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EFFECTIVE AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS ON PROBLEMS RELATING TO IRON-ORE EXPORTING INDUSTRY WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING MEMBER COUNTRIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION." WESTLUND WAS QUITE EMPHATIC THAT "ACTION" FORESEEN WAS ACTION OF COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN CONCERTED ACTION BY MEMBERS OF GROUP. ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTRIES HAD HAD OTHER INTENTIONS FROM THE BEGINNING, WESTLUND ADMITTED, DISCUSSIONS AT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW DELHI WERE TECHNICAL IN NATURE AND ORGANIZATION AS TENTATIVELY AGREED UPON THERE DOES NOT HAVE AN OPEC CHARACTER BUT IS MORE LIKE A COMMODITY STUDY GROUP. WESTLUND SAID DRAFT AGREEMENT DOES NOT FORESEE THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD COORDINATE POLICY OF MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO PRICE AND EXPORTS.

3. OTHER OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN DRAFT AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO WESTLUND, WERE (IN SUMMARY): TO PROMOTE CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS WITH A VIEW TO SAFEGUARDING THEIR INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO THE IRON-ORE EXPORTING INDUSTRY; TO ENSURE ORDERLY AND HEALTHY GROWTH OF EXPORT TRADE; TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES TO GET A FAIR RETURN FOR THEIR IRON-ORE EXPORTS AND TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF THIS TRADE; AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. SWEDEN JOINED CANADA AND AUSTRALIA AT NEW DELHI IN STRESSING THAT THE GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS OF CONSUMING NATIONS. WESTLUND SAID THERE WAS NO DEEP DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH CONSUMERS, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD CERTAINLY COME UP EARLY IN MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD PROBABLY IN APRIL, WHERE FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN.

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5. COMMENT. EMBASSY WOULD TEND TO CREDIT WESTLUND'S INTERPRETATION. MOTIVATED BY ITS OWN HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN TRADE, SWEDEN ESPOUSES RELATIVELY LIBERAL TRADE PRINCIPLES. FURTHERMORE, OFFICIAL GOS ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR 1975 IS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC. AS EXPORTER OF WIDE VARIETY OF GOODS, IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE IN INTEREST OF SWEDEN OR TO FILL SPECIAL NEED TO ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF TRADE-DISTORTING CARTEL, ESPECIALLY ONE CONCERNED WITH

A COMMODITY THAT ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN THREE PERCENT OF VALUE
OF TOTAL SWEDISH EXPORTS.
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